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SUBJ: PUBLIC MEMBERS ASSOCIATION KOREAN SEMINAR

AS YOU WILL RECALL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY BROWN AND I MET WITH DR. R. GORDON HOXIE REGARDING THE DESIRE OF THE PUBLIC MEMBERS ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SERVICE TO INAUGURATE A SEMINAR PROGRAM FOR MANAGERS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN KOREA. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. HOXIE DATED FEBRUARY 13 CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM IN WHICH HE REQUESTS AN EARLY REPLY. SINCE HIS LETTER WAS DELAYED IN THE MAIL, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING INTERIM REPLY TO DR. HOXIE WHO CAN BE REACHED AT 926 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK; TELEPHONE (212) 249-1200:

QUOTE. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 13 CONFIRMING OUR CONVERSATION REGARDING THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC MEMBERS ASSOCIATION IN CONDUCTING THREE MANAGEMENT SEMINARS IN OCTOBER 1974. WE ARE CONSULTING WITH APPROPRIATE INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE GOVERNMENT, AND WITH THE KOREAN-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR SEMINARS. I EXPECT TO HAVE WORD FOR YOU ON AT LEAST PRELIMINARY REACTIONS WHICH WE WILL COMMUNICATE TO YOUR BY CABLE VIA DEPT OF STATE PRIOR TO MARCH 7. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE KOREANS WILL WELCOME YOUR PROPOSED PROGRAM AND THEY WILL BEGIN TO PLAN ON NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IMMEDIATELY. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

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KOREAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED, I WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION

OF THE NUMBERS OF KOREAN PARTICIPANTS YOU HAVE IN MIND FOR EACH OF THE SEMINARS. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WOULD WANT GREATEST SELECTIVITY AND FEWEST PARTICIPANTS IN THE TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, A SOMEWHAT LARGER NUMBER FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT AND AN EVEN GREATER NUMBER INVITED FOR THE SEMINAR DESIGNED FOR YOUNG ASPIRANTS. YOUR VIEWS ON THE DESIRED NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE. I AM ALSO PREPARED TO HAVE MY STAFF ASSEMBLE INFORMATION WHICH YOU MAY REQUIRE TO TAILOR THESE SEMINARS TO THE KOREAN SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 B OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER. WARM REGARDS. UNQUOTE.  
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